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Utah State Office of Rehabilitation

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1.0 Utah State Office of Rehabilitation

Summary

In 1988, the Utah State Legislature created the Utah State Office of Rehabilitation (USOR) under the direction of the Utah State Board of Education. USOR operates programs designed to assist individuals with disabilities to prepare for and obtain gainful employment and increase their independence. USOR contains an Executive Director's Office, and four operating divisions: Rehabilitation Administration, Disability Determination Services, Services to the Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing, and Services to the Blind and Visually Impaired.

USOR provides tailored services focusing on the needs, interests, abilities, and informed choices of the individuals served. USOR works in concert with other community service and resource providers to offer rehabilitative services throughout the state.

For FY 2004, the Analyst recommends \$48,699,300, of which \$18,022,500 is from state tax revenue.

	Analyst FY 2004 Base	Analyst FY 2004 Changes	Analyst FY 2004 Total
Financing			
General Fund	254,900		254,900
Uniform School Fund	17,776,400	(8,800)	17,767,600
Federal Funds	29,905,200		29,905,200
Dedicated Credits Revenue	319,200		319,200
Transfers - Interagency	452,400		452,400
Total	\$48,708,100	(\$8,800)	\$48,699,300
Programs			
Executive Director	1,754,100	(8,800)	1,745,300
Blind and Visually Impaired	5,219,800		5,219,800
Rehabilitation Administration	32,631,300		32,631,300
Disability Determination	7,489,000		7,489,000
Deaf and Hard of Hearing	1,613,900		1,613,900
Total	\$48,708,100	(\$8,800)	\$48,699,300
FTE/Other			
Total FTE	393.8	0.0	393.8

2.0 Issues: Utah State Office of Rehabilitation

2.1 Statewide Budget Issues

Retirement rate adjustments in FY 2003 resulted in a retirement savings to the State Office of Rehabilitation. This adjustment resulted in a reduction of \$8,800 to the State Office of Rehabilitation for FY 2003 and FY 2004.

2.2 Sixth Special Session Legislative Action

During the sixth special session held in December, the Legislature rescinded \$219,200 in ongoing Uniform School Funds from the State Office of Education. This reduction was offset by the Legislature through a one-time restoration.

The Analyst's FY 2004 base reflects the ongoing reduction to the State Office of Education as approved by the Legislature. The Office of Rehabilitation estimates that services in vocational rehabilitation, independent living, and deaf/blind services may need to be reduced to accommodate this reduction.

3.0 Programs: Office of Rehabilitation

3.1 Executive Director's Office

Recommendation The Analyst recommends \$1,745,300, including \$1,386,500 from the Uniform School Fund, for USOR's Executive Director's Office.

	2002 Actual	2003 Estimated	2004 Analyst	Est/Analyst Difference
Financing				
Uniform School Fund	975,400	1,395,300	1,386,500	(8,800)
Uniform School Fund, One-time		15,000		(15,000)
Federal Funds	342,600	342,600	342,600	
Transfers - Interagency	16,200	16,200	16,200	
Total	\$1,334,200	\$1,769,100	\$1,745,300	(\$23,800)
Expenditures				
Personal Services	909,900	1,075,400	1,062,700	(12,700)
In-State Travel	16,500	16,600	16,600	
Out of State Travel	6,300	6,300	6,300	
Current Expense	201,300	201,200	201,200	
DP Current Expense	72,200	72,200	72,200	
Other Charges/Pass Thru	128,000	397,400	386,300	(11,100)
Total	\$1,334,200	\$1,769,100	\$1,745,300	(\$23,800)
FTE/Other				
Total FTE	15.0	13.0	13.0	0.0
*General and school funds as revised by Supplemental Bills I-V, 2002 General and Special Sessions. Other funds as estimated by agency.				

Purpose

The Executive Director's Office is responsible for supervising and coordinating the four operating divisions.

3.2 Rehabilitation Administration

Recommendation

The Analyst recommends \$32,631,200 for Rehabilitation Administration, including \$11,631,200 from the Uniform School Fund and \$254,900 from the General Fund.

	2002 Actual	2003 Estimated	2004 Analyst	Est/Analyst Difference
Financing				
General Fund		254,900	254,900	
Uniform School Fund	12,542,600	11,726,300	11,631,200	(95,100)
Uniform School Fund, One-time		58,300		(58,300)
Federal Funds	19,860,700	20,276,300	20,277,100	800
Dedicated Credits Revenue	31,900	31,900	31,900	
Transfers - Interagency	436,200	436,200	436,200	
Total	\$32,871,400	\$32,783,900	\$32,631,300	(\$152,600)
Expenditures				
Personal Services	10,664,400	11,262,300	11,299,200	36,900
In-State Travel	113,600	113,800	113,800	
Out of State Travel	21,700	21,700	21,700	
Current Expense	1,786,600	1,785,600	1,785,600	
DP Current Expense	415,000	414,700	414,700	
DP Capital Outlay	6,400	6,400	6,400	
Capital Outlay	17,100	17,100	17,100	
Other Charges/Pass Thru	19,846,600	19,162,300	18,972,800	(189,500)
Total	\$32,871,400	\$32,783,900	\$32,631,300	(\$152,600)
FTE/Other				
Total FTE	229.0	226.1	226.1	0.0
*General and school funds as revised by Supplemental Bills I-V, 2002 General and Special Sessions. Other funds as estimated by agency.				

Purpose

Rehabilitation Administration provides Vocational Rehabilitation and Independent Living services.

Vocational Rehabilitation

Vocational Rehabilitation is a State and Federal program designed to assist eligible individuals with disabilities to prepare for and obtain gainful employment. The program provides a variety of services directed towards the goal of employment. Services may include counseling and guidance, assistive technology, job training, job placement, and post employment follow-up. Eligibility for vocational rehabilitation is based on the presence of physical or mental impairment that constitutes or results in a substantial impediment to employment. Once an individual is determined eligible, the individual will then work in conjunction with a vocational rehabilitation counselor to develop an individualized written rehabilitation program. The counselor and the client work together to secure a job for the client after the services listed in the plan have been provided.

Independent Living

Independent Living Centers located across the state provide services to the disabled, which enable them to live independently. The Division of Rehabilitation Services, in conjunction with the Independent Living Centers, the Division of Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired, and the Utah Statewide Independent Living Council coordinate available services. Services provided through Independent Living include; peer support, skills training, recreation and community integration programs, and assistive technology.

Eligibility for the program is based on the presence of a disability coupled with the ability to benefit from the provision of services. All services are based on individual need in accordance with an independent living plan with goals and objectives. Services are time-limited and designed to assist consumers to increase and maintain their levels of independence and community participation.

3.3 Disability Determination Services

Recommendation

The Analyst recommends \$7,489,000 for Disability Determination Services. This amount includes \$9,900 from the Uniform School Fund.

	2002 Actual	2003 Estimated	2004 Analyst	Est/Analyst Difference
Financing				
Uniform School Fund	2,800	9,900	9,900	
Uniform School Fund, One-time		100		(100)
Federal Funds	6,973,300	7,476,500	7,479,100	2,600
Total	<u>\$6,976,100</u>	<u>\$7,486,500</u>	<u>\$7,489,000</u>	<u>\$2,500</u>
Expenditures				
Personal Services	3,925,100	3,936,300	3,949,600	13,300
In-State Travel	2,100	2,000	2,000	
Out of State Travel	7,500	7,600	7,600	
Current Expense	518,600	518,500	518,500	
DP Current Expense	57,400	57,400	57,400	
Capital Outlay	6,800	6,800	6,800	
Other Charges/Pass Thru	2,458,600	2,957,900	2,947,100	(10,800)
Total	<u>\$6,976,100</u>	<u>\$7,486,500</u>	<u>\$7,489,000</u>	<u>\$2,500</u>
FTE/Other				
Total FTE	80.0	72.0	71.9	(0.1)
*General and school funds as revised by Supplemental Bills I-V, 2002 General and Special Sessions. Other funds as estimated by agency.				

Purpose

Disability Determination Services is a federally funded program that processes disability claims of Utah residents. It's budget includes \$10,000 in Uniform School Funds used to support the Disabilities Determination Services Advisory Council (UCA 53A-15-205).

This state administered federal program develops, adjudicates, and processes all disability claims of Utah residents under Title II and Title XVI of the Social Security Act. It refers disabled adults to the Division of Rehabilitation Services whenever the adult may benefit from vocational rehabilitation services. The determination of who may benefit is based on criteria developed by Social Security.

3.4 Services to the Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing

Recommendation

The Analyst recommends \$1,613,900 for Services to the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. This amount includes \$1,443,900 from the Uniform School Fund.

	2002 Actual	2003 Estimated	2004 Analyst	Est/Analyst Difference
Financing				
Uniform School Fund	1,373,500	1,368,200	1,443,900	75,700
Uniform School Fund, One-time		93,200		(93,200)
Dedicated Credits Revenue	156,300	170,000	170,000	
Total	\$1,529,800	\$1,631,400	\$1,613,900	(\$17,500)
Expenditures				
Personal Services	1,035,800	1,188,100	1,192,100	4,000
In-State Travel	13,400	13,400	13,400	
Out of State Travel	4,100	4,200	4,200	
Current Expense	319,600	311,900	307,900	(4,000)
DP Current Expense	52,600	34,500	34,500	
Capital Outlay	50,800	25,800	25,800	
Other Charges/Pass Thru	53,500	53,500	36,000	(17,500)
Total	\$1,529,800	\$1,631,400	\$1,613,900	(\$17,500)
FTE/Other				
Total FTE	26.0	29.8	29.8	0.1

*General and school funds as revised by Supplemental Bills I-V, 2002 General and Special Sessions. Other funds as estimated by agency.

Purpose

Services to the Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing helps increase productivity, independence, and community integration of individuals who are deaf or hard-of-hearing. Services are provided through the Utah Community Center for the Deaf and include information and referral, educational classes, counseling services, recreation and leisure activities, telecommunication services for the deaf, repair and maintenance of assistive technology, interpreter services, and library services.

3.5 Services to the Blind and Visually Impaired

Recommendation

The Analyst recommends \$5,219,800 for Services to the Visually Impaired. This amount includes \$3,296,100 from the Uniform School Fund.

	2002 Actual	2003 Estimated	2004 Analyst	Est/Analyst Difference
Financing				
Uniform School Fund	2,726,000	3,276,700	3,296,100	19,400
Uniform School Fund, One-time		52,600		(52,600)
Federal Funds	1,549,700	1,805,700	1,806,400	700
Dedicated Credits Revenue	117,300	117,300	117,300	
Beginning Nonlapsing	267,500			
Total	\$4,660,500	\$5,252,300	\$5,219,800	(\$32,500)
Expenditures				
Personal Services	2,436,000	2,876,200	2,884,500	8,300
In-State Travel	18,300	18,200	18,200	
Out of State Travel	1,500	1,500	1,500	
Current Expense	956,900	956,800	956,800	
DP Current Expense	170,400	170,500	170,500	
DP Capital Outlay	89,500	89,500	89,500	
Capital Outlay	30,200	30,100	30,100	
Other Charges/Pass Thru	957,700	1,109,500	1,068,700	(40,800)
Total	\$4,660,500	\$5,252,300	\$5,219,800	(\$32,500)
FTE/Other				
Total FTE	54.0	53.0	53.0	0.0
*General and school funds as revised by Supplemental Bills I-V, 2002 General and Special Sessions. Other funds as estimated by agency.				

Purpose

Services to the Blind and Visually Impaired assists individuals who are blind or visually disabled to obtain employment and increase their independence. The division provides a variety of services that include orientation and mobility assistance, vocational counseling, vocation training, adaptive technology services, adjustment to blindness training activities, visual screening of children, and prevention of blindness training. The division also administers a Business Enterprise Program that includes cafeterias, gift shops, and convenience stores that are operated by the blind.

4.0 Additional Information: Utah State Office of Rehabilitation

4.1 Funding History

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Financing	Actual	Actual	Actual	Estimated*	Analyst
General Fund				254,900	254,900
Uniform School Fund	14,637,900	15,676,800	17,620,300	17,776,400	17,767,600
Uniform School Fund, One-time				219,200	
Federal Funds	28,620,900	29,029,300	28,726,300	29,901,100	29,905,200
Dedicated Credits Revenue	40,500	514,200	305,500	319,200	319,200
Transfers - Interagency	112,000	127,600	452,400	452,400	452,400
Beginning Nonlapsing	278,200	287,400	267,500		
Closing Nonlapsing	(287,400)	(267,500)			
Total	\$43,402,100	\$45,367,800	\$47,372,000	\$48,923,200	\$48,699,300
Programs					
Executive Director	1,258,300	1,436,000	1,334,200	1,769,100	1,745,300
Blind and Visually Impaired	3,939,800	4,265,000	4,660,500	5,252,300	5,219,800
Rehabilitation Administration	30,516,900	31,520,300	32,871,400	32,783,900	32,631,300
Disability Determination	6,367,600	6,722,900	6,976,100	7,486,500	7,489,000
Deaf and Hard of Hearing	1,319,500	1,423,600	1,529,800	1,631,400	1,613,900
Total	\$43,402,100	\$45,367,800	\$47,372,000	\$48,923,200	\$48,699,300
Expenditures					
Personal Services	17,476,700	18,029,200	18,971,200	20,338,300	20,388,100
In-State Travel	200,800	195,400	163,900	164,000	164,000
Out of State Travel	50,400	61,600	41,100	41,300	41,300
Current Expense	2,895,100	3,394,600	3,783,000	3,774,000	3,770,000
DP Current Expense	600,200	722,900	767,600	749,300	749,300
DP Capital Outlay	112,000	71,600	95,900	95,900	95,900
Capital Outlay	16,700	78,100	104,900	79,800	79,800
Other Charges/Pass Thru	22,050,200	22,814,400	23,444,400	23,680,600	23,410,900
Total	\$43,402,100	\$45,367,800	\$47,372,000	\$48,923,200	\$48,699,300
FTE/Other					
Total FTE	390	392	404	394	394

*General and school funds as revised by Supplemental Bills I-V, 2002 General and Special Sessions. Other funds as estimated by agency.

4.1 Federal Funds: Utah State Office of Rehabilitation

FEDERAL FUNDS REPORT			
GRANT NAME	FY 2002 ACTUAL	FY 2003 AUTHORIZED	FY 2004 REQUEST
SS DISABILITY DETERMINATION	6,973,300	7,476,500	7,479,100
SOC SEC TRUST FUND	1,270,800	1,270,800	1,270,800
SYSTEM CHANGE PRJ	409,200	503,000	503,000
VOC REHAB SUPPORT 110	19,021,300	22,410,700	22,411,400
VR SERV MIGRANT WORKER	38,900	88,200	88,200
IN SERVICE TRAINING	89,300	89,300	89,300
INDPDNT LIVING PART A	533,500	533,500	533,500
SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT	300,000	300,000	300,000
OTHER GRANTS	90,000	90,100	90,100
TOTAL	28,726,300	32,762,100	32,765,400